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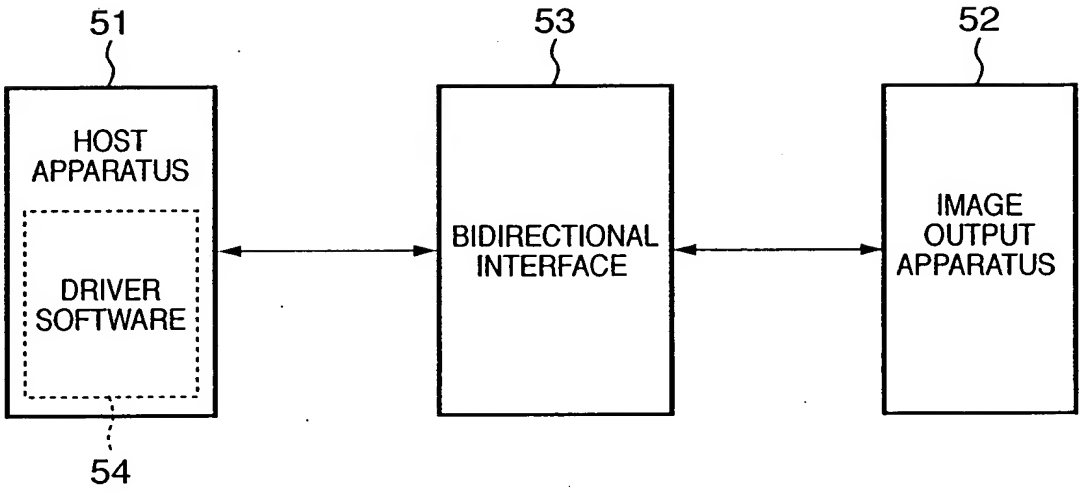

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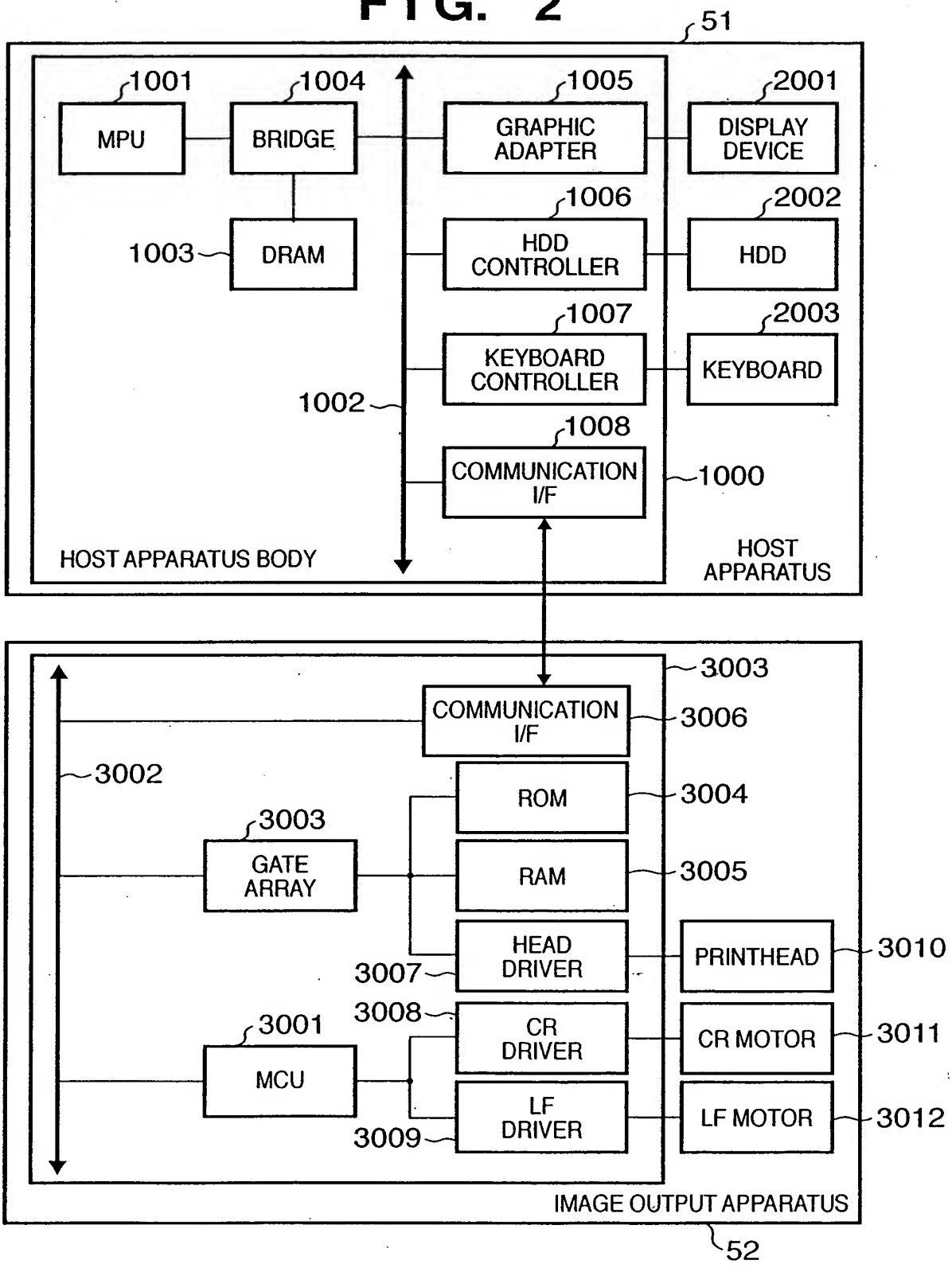
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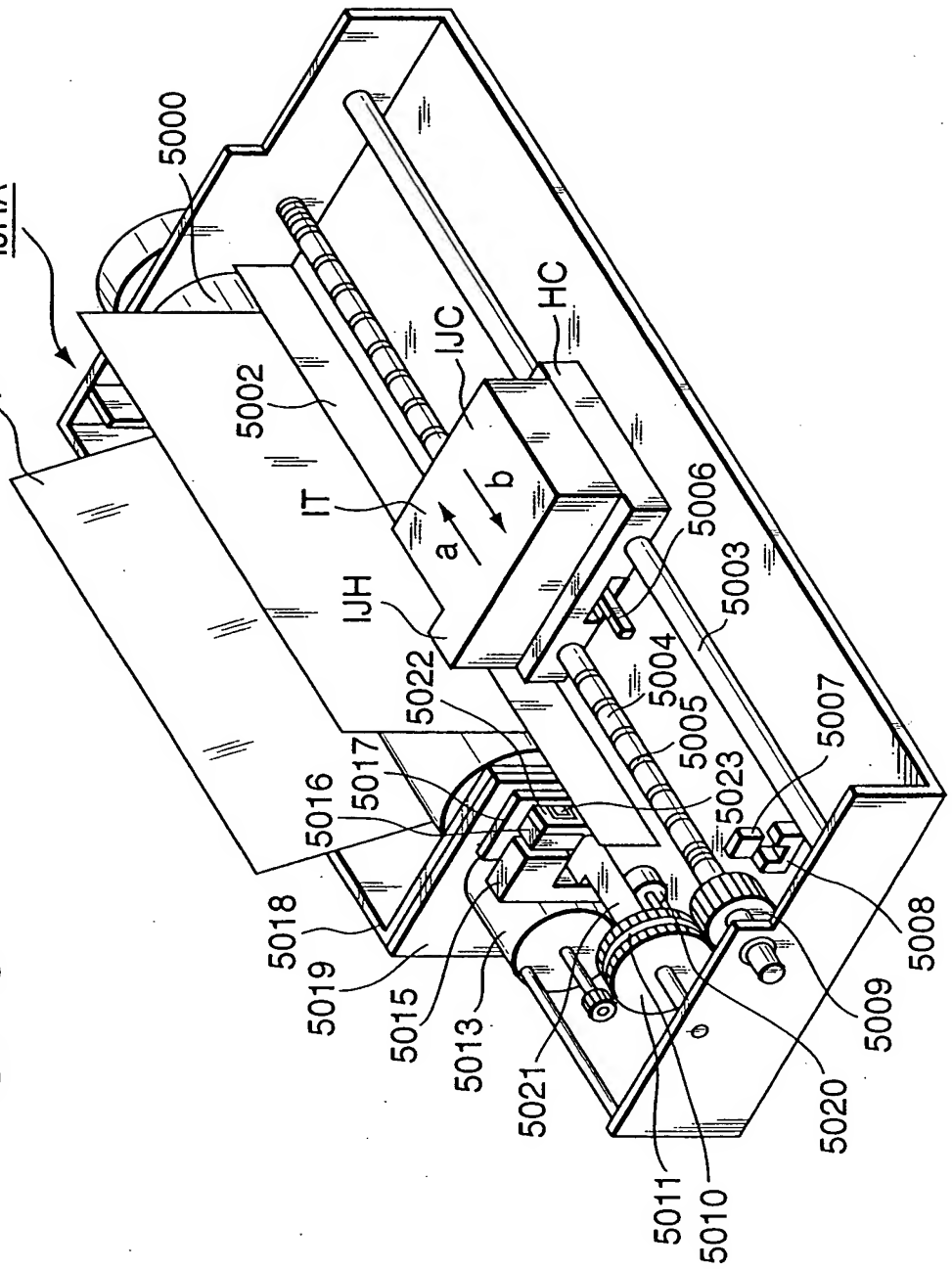
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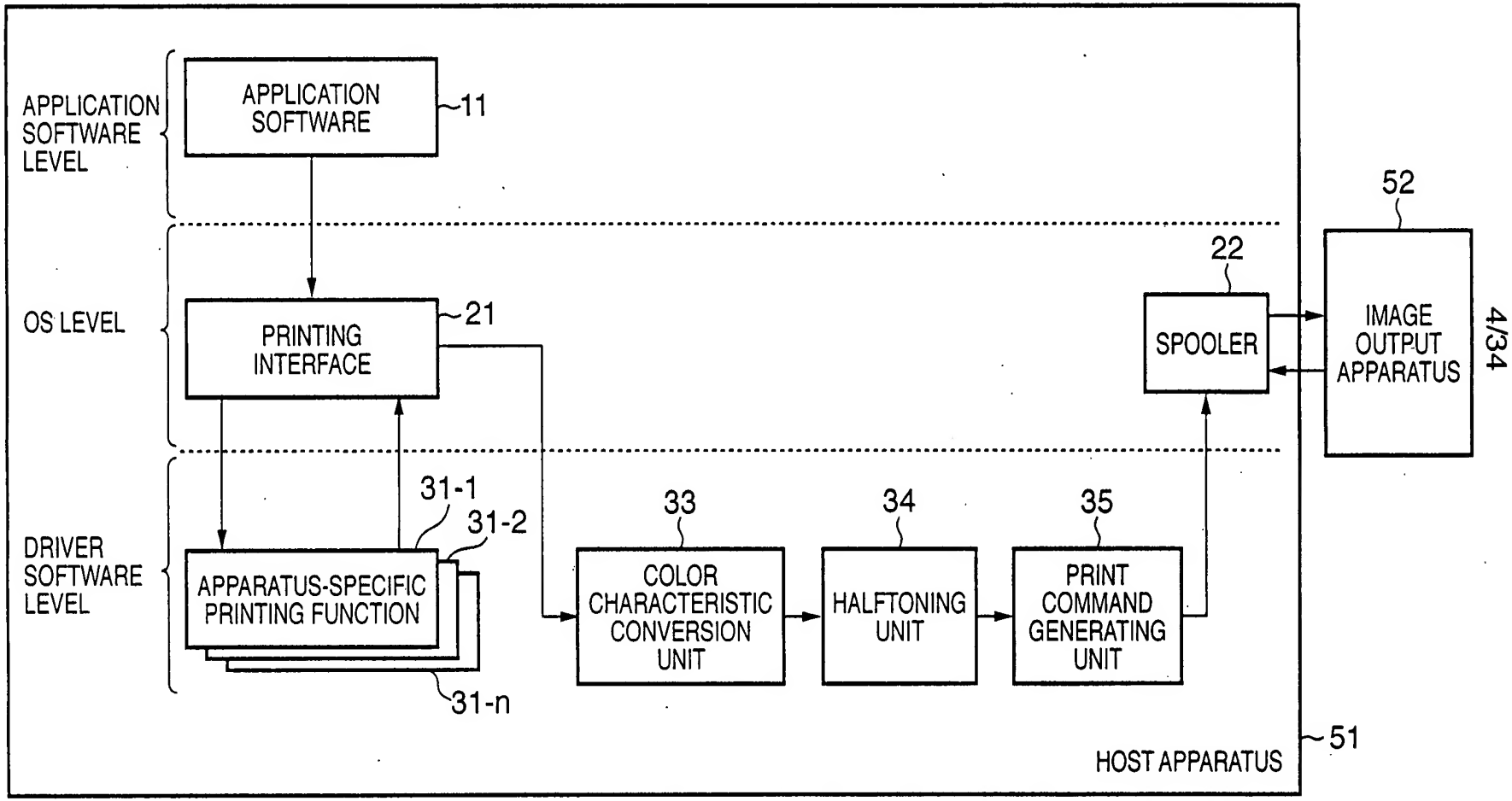
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APPARATUS-SPECIFIC PRINTING FUNCTION
31-n
33
COLOR CHARACTERISTIC CONVERSION UNIT
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HALFTONING UNIT
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PRINT COMMAND GENERATING UNIT
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SPOOLER
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IMAGE OUTPUT APPARATUS
HOST APPARATUS
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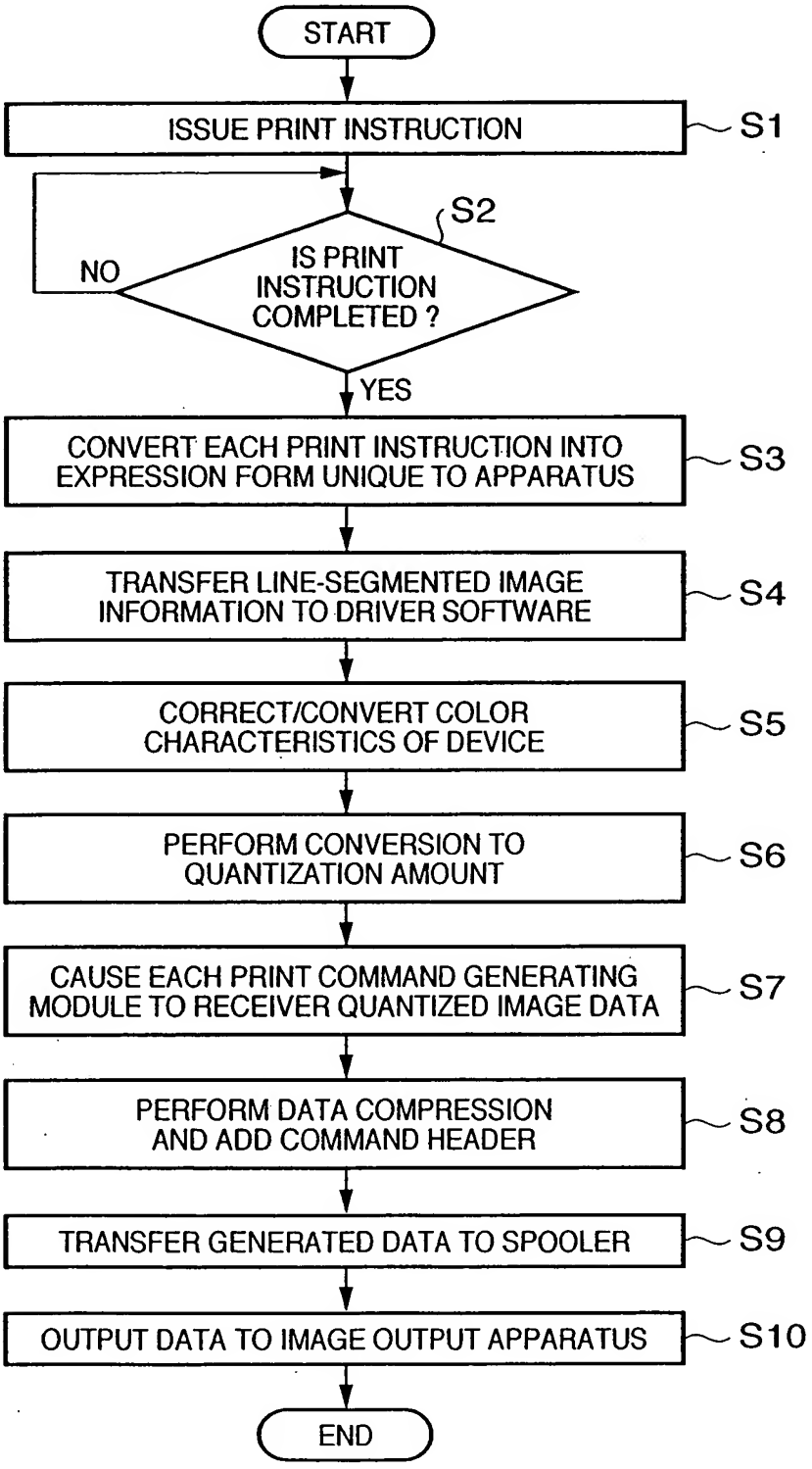
FIG. 5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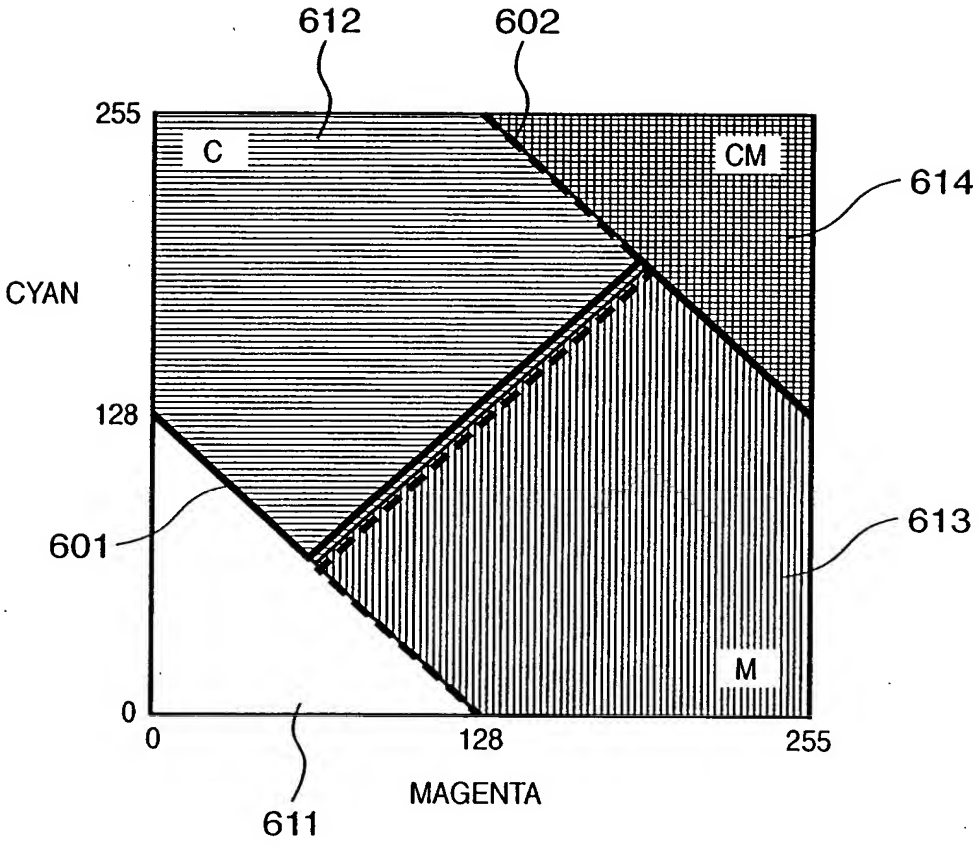
CONVERT EACH PRINT INSTRUCTION INTO EXPRESSION FORM UNIQUE TO APPARATUS
S3
TRANSFER LINE-SEGMENTED IMAGE INFORMATION TO DRIVER SOFTWARE
S4
CORRECT/CONVERT COLOR CHARACTERISTICS OF DEVICE
S5
PERFORM CONVERSION TO QUANTIZATION AMOUNT
S6
CAUSE EACH PRINT COMMAND GENERATING MODULE TO RECEIVER QUANTIZED IMAGE DATA
S7
PERFORM DATA COMPRESSION AND ADD COMMAND HEADER
S8
TRANSFER GENERATED DATA TO SPOOLER
S9
OUTPUT DATA TO IMAGE OUTPUT APPARATUS
S10
END

FIG. 6



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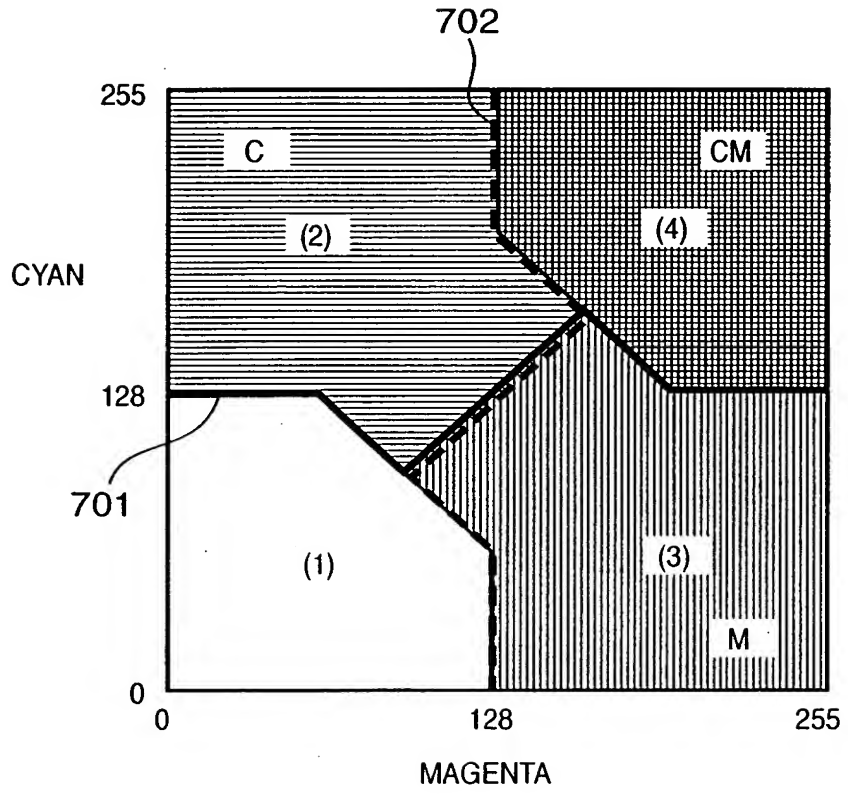

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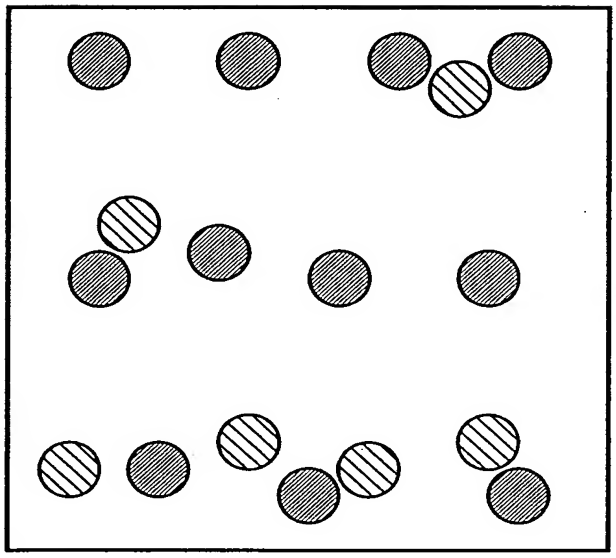

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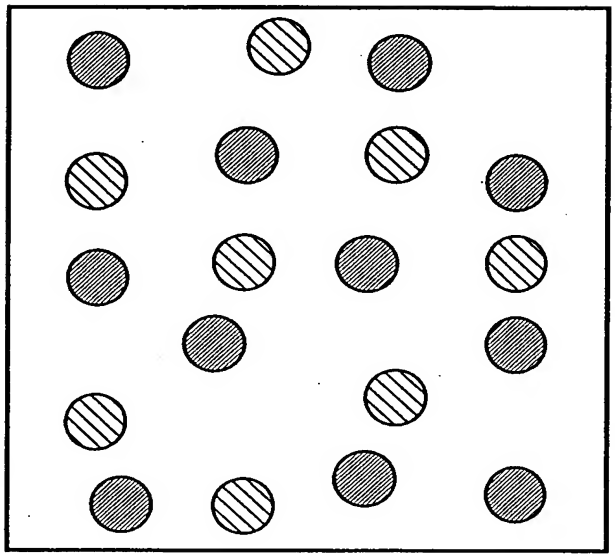

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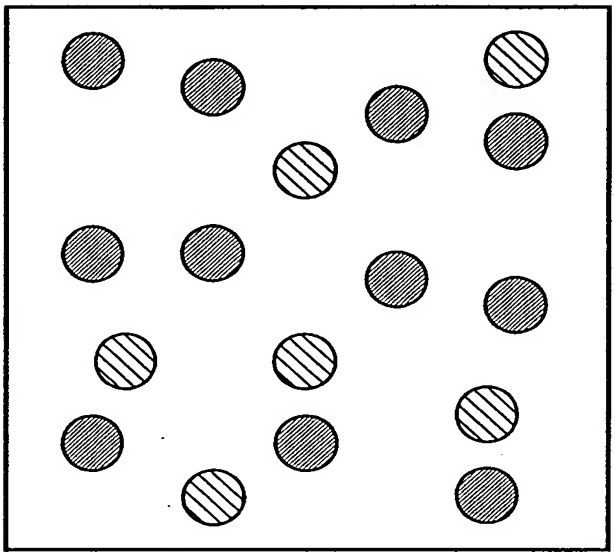

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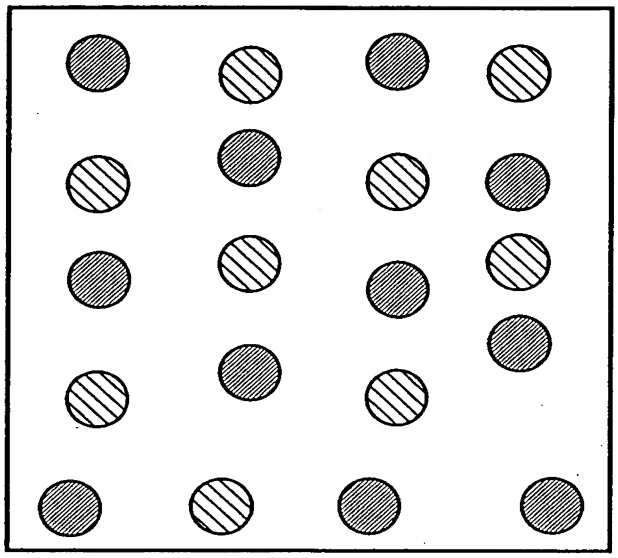

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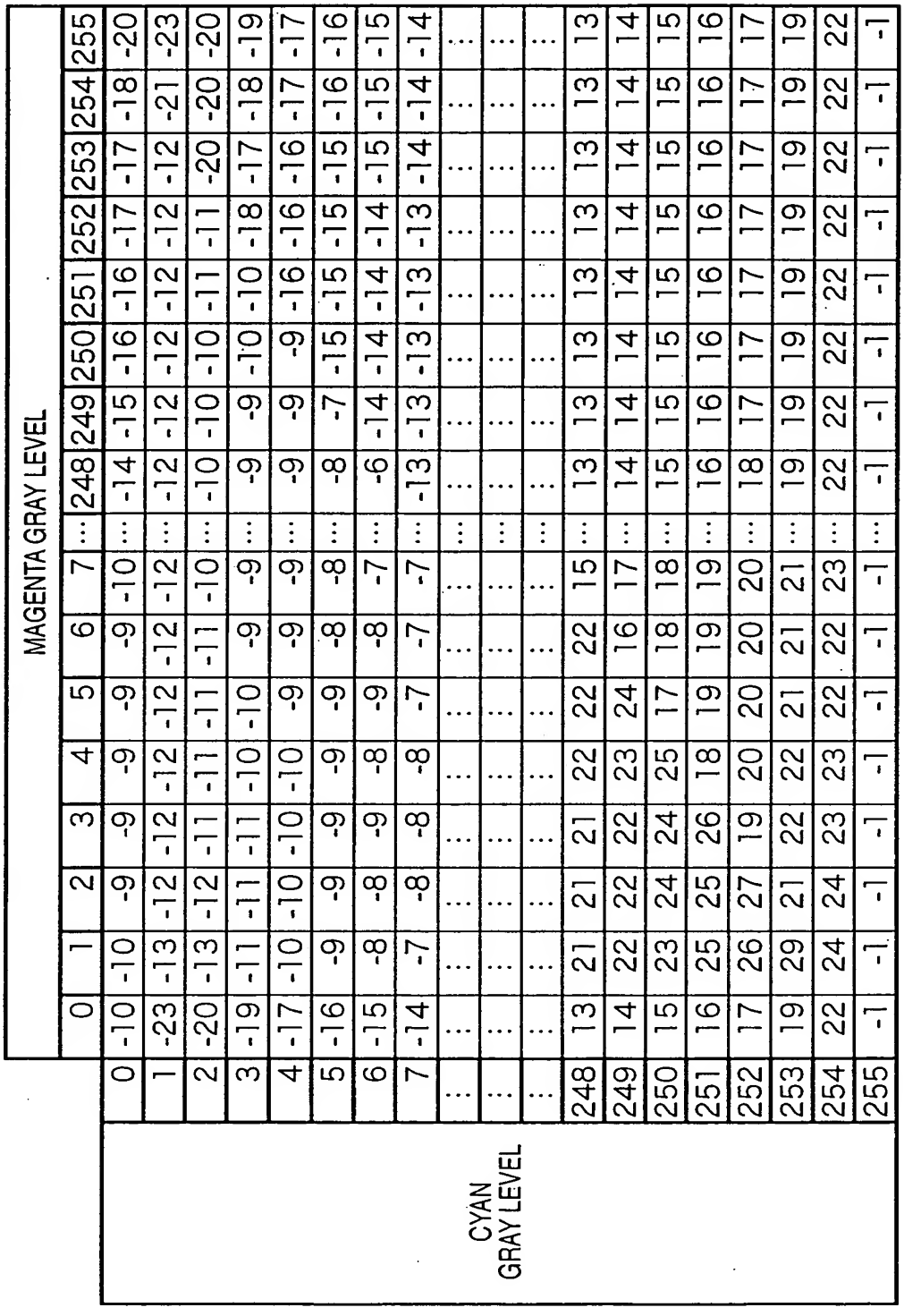

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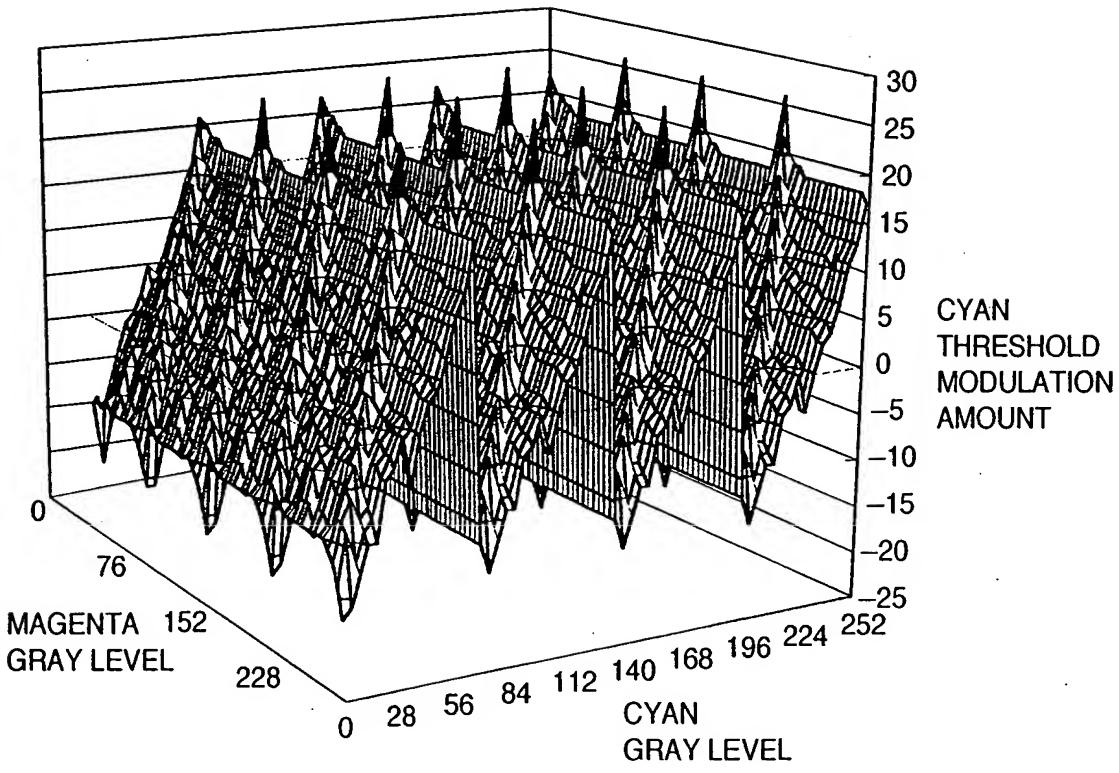
FIG. 13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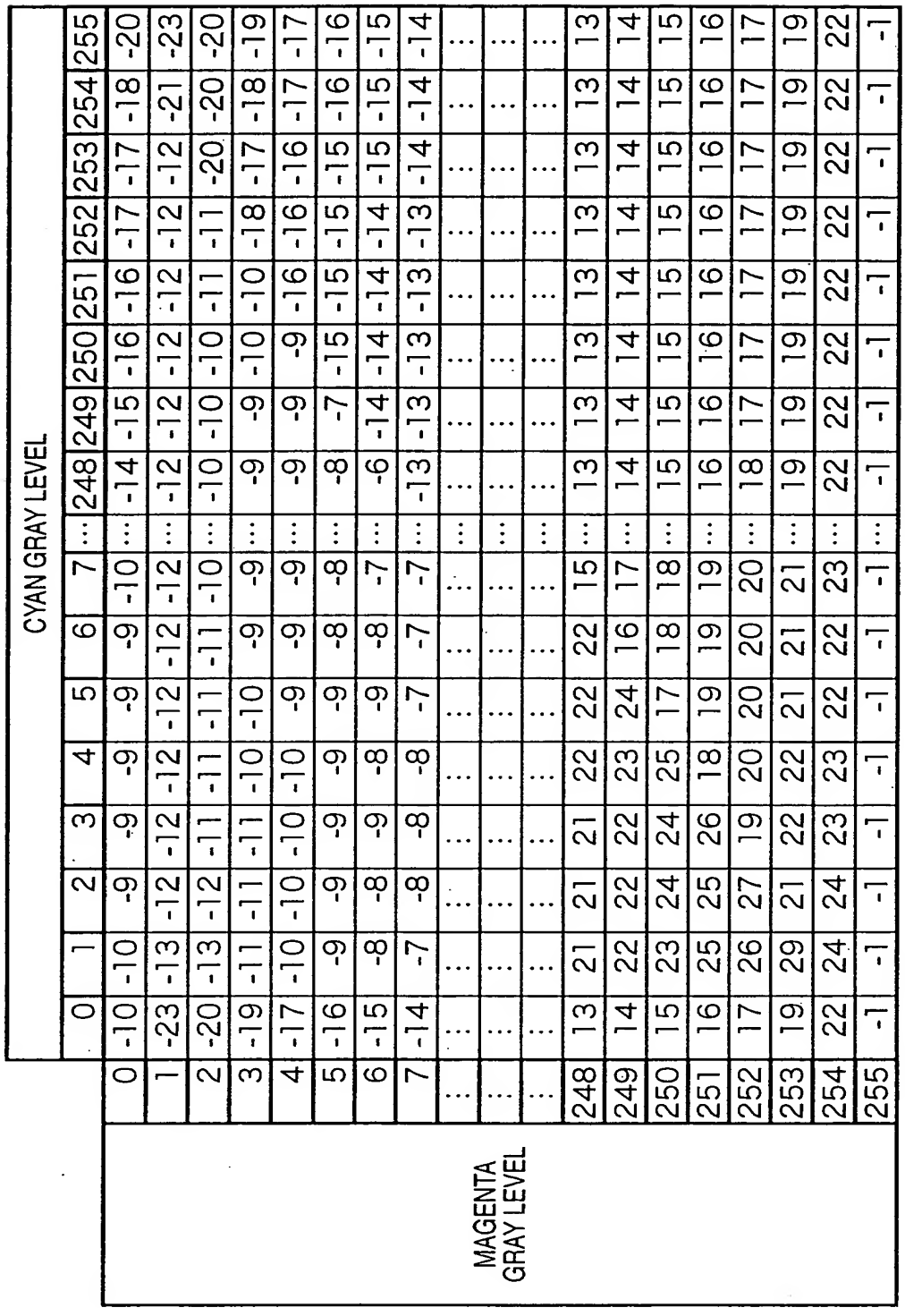
CYAN
GRAY LEVEL

FIG. 14



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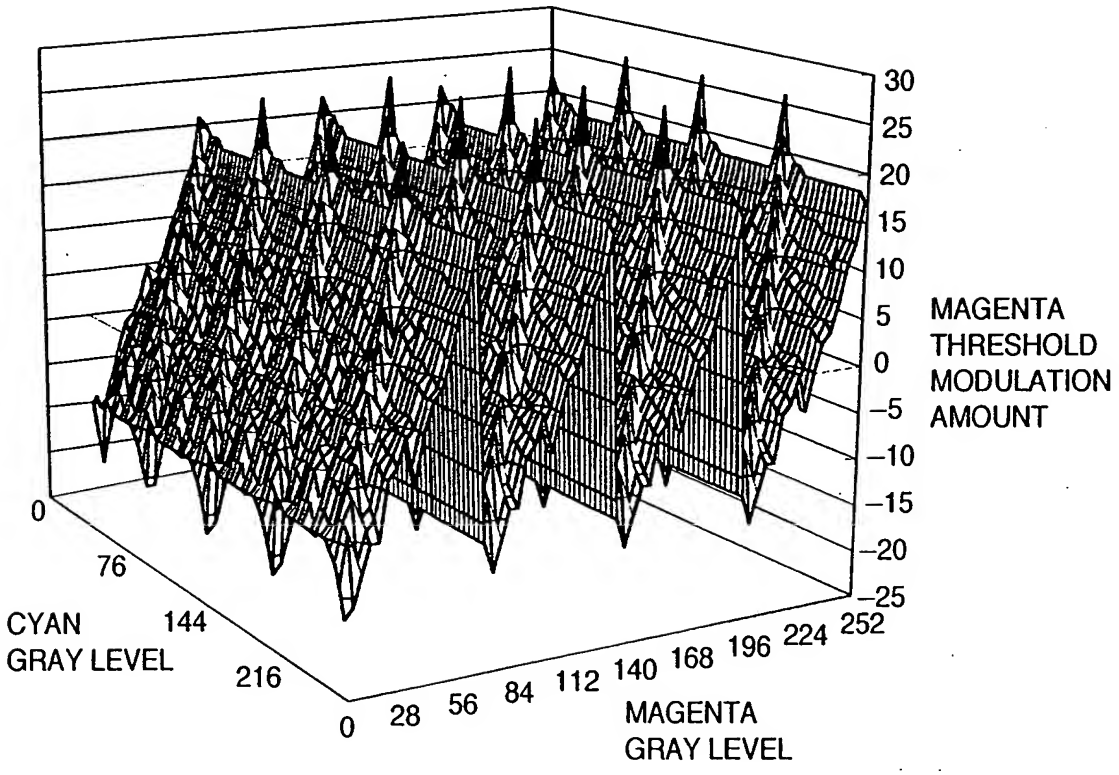
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GRAY LEVEL

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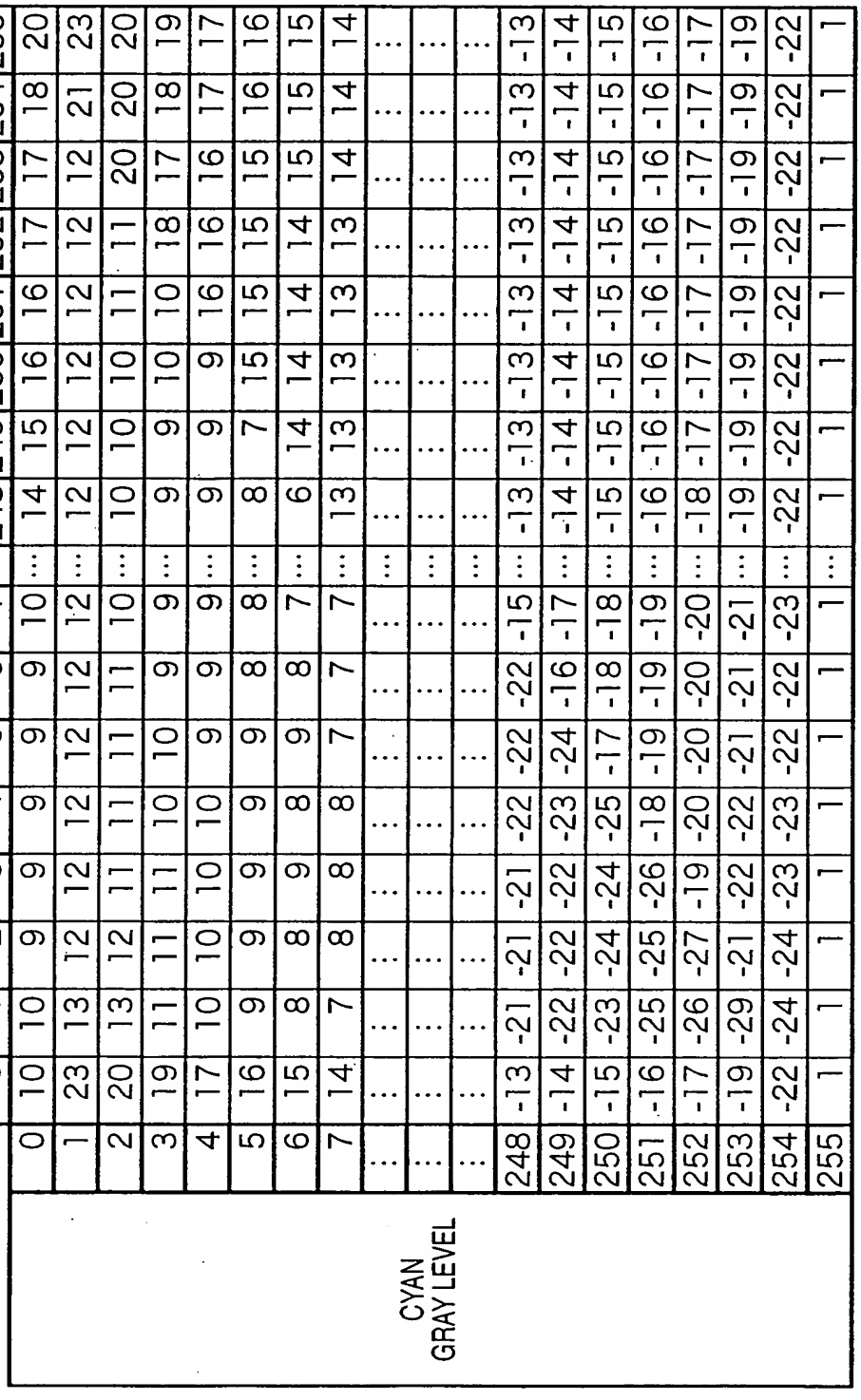

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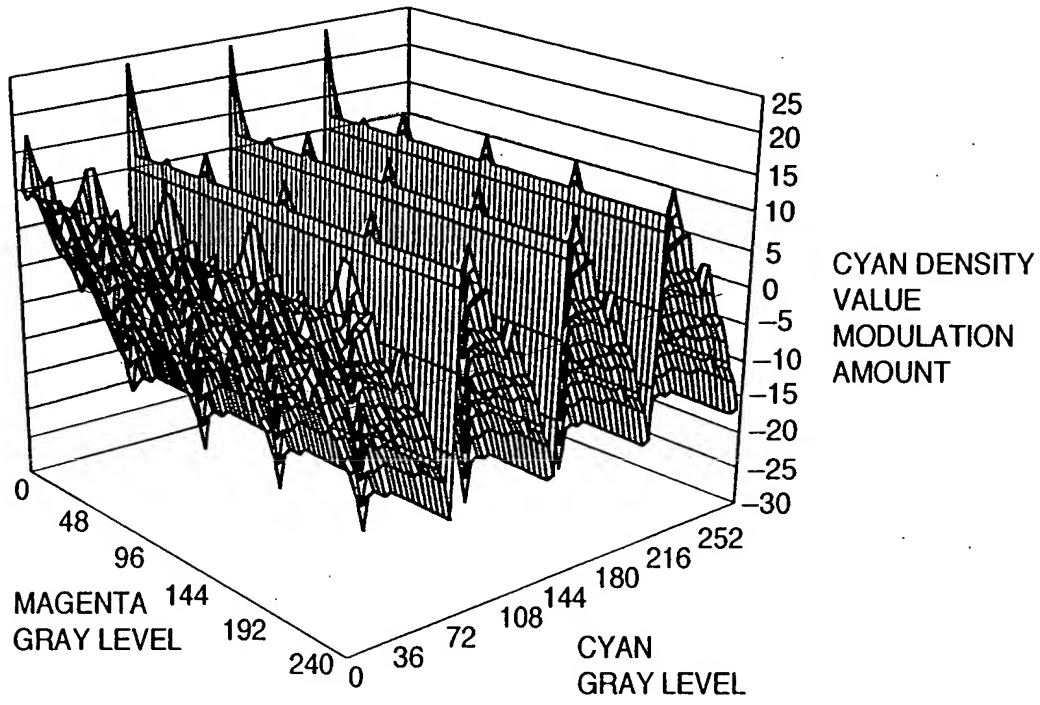
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CYAN GRAY LEVEL

FIG. 18

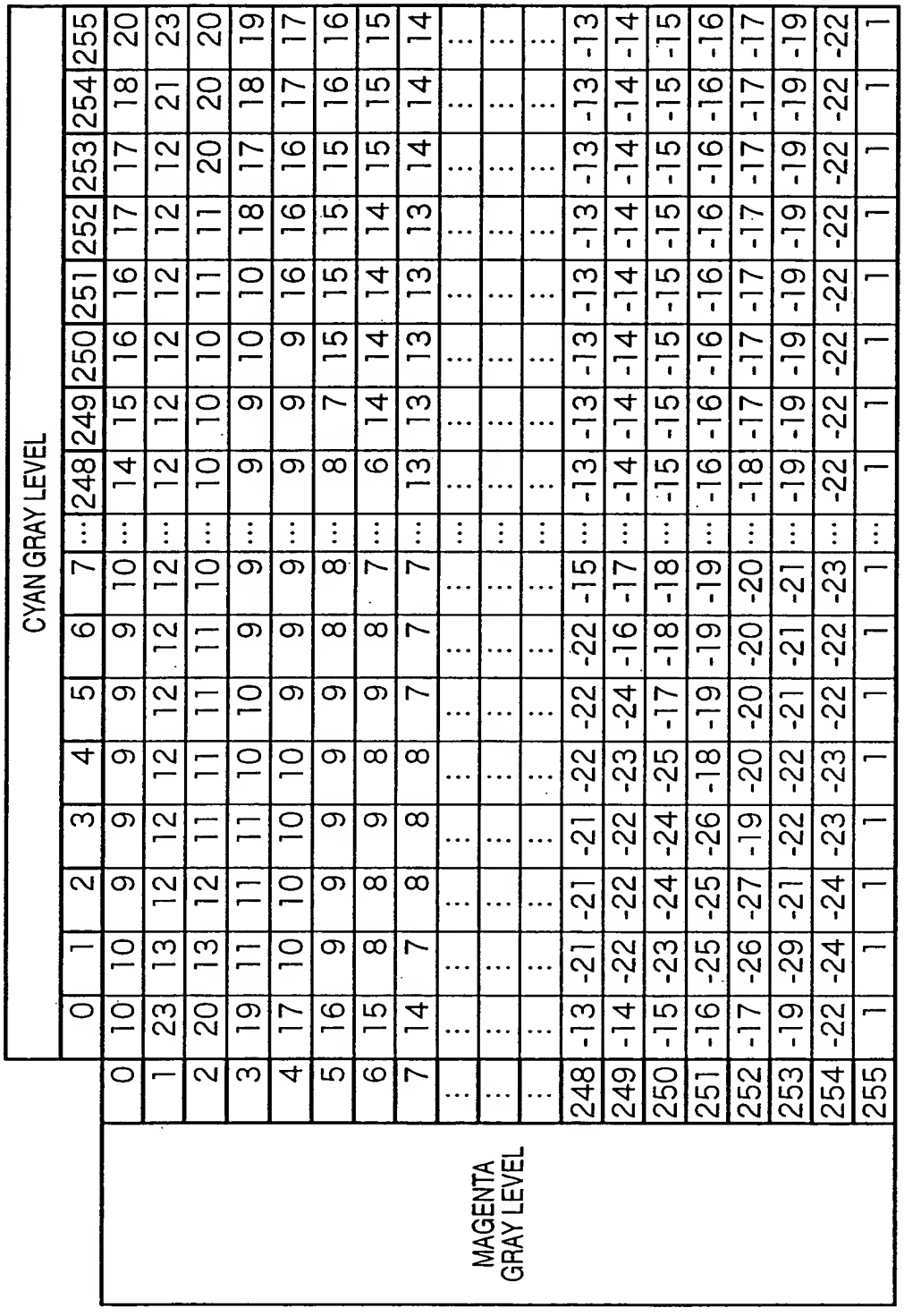

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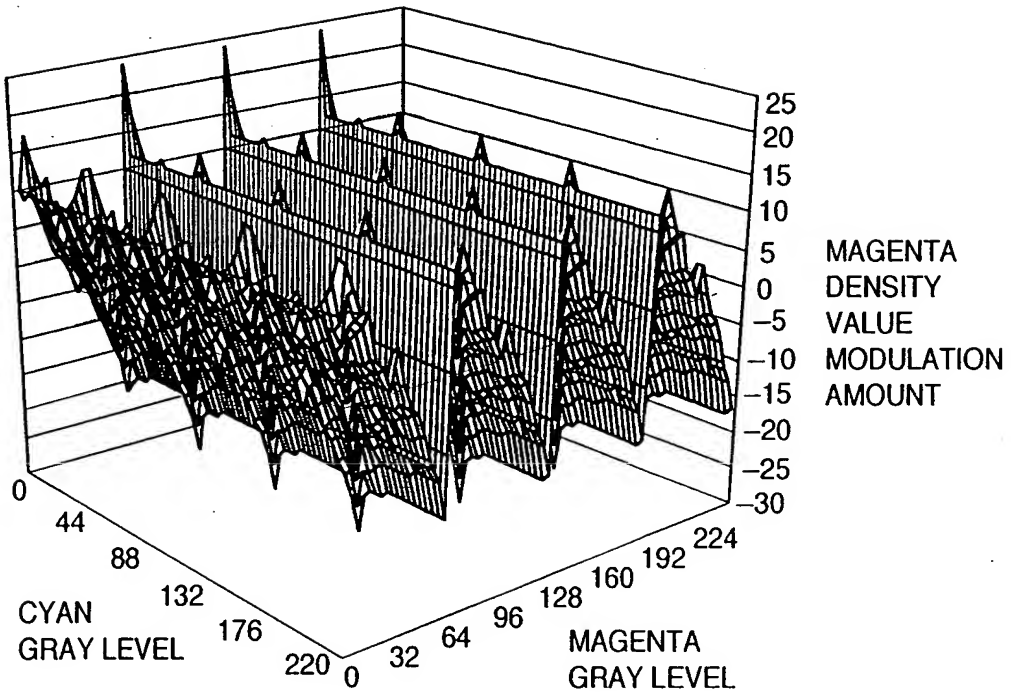
FIG. 19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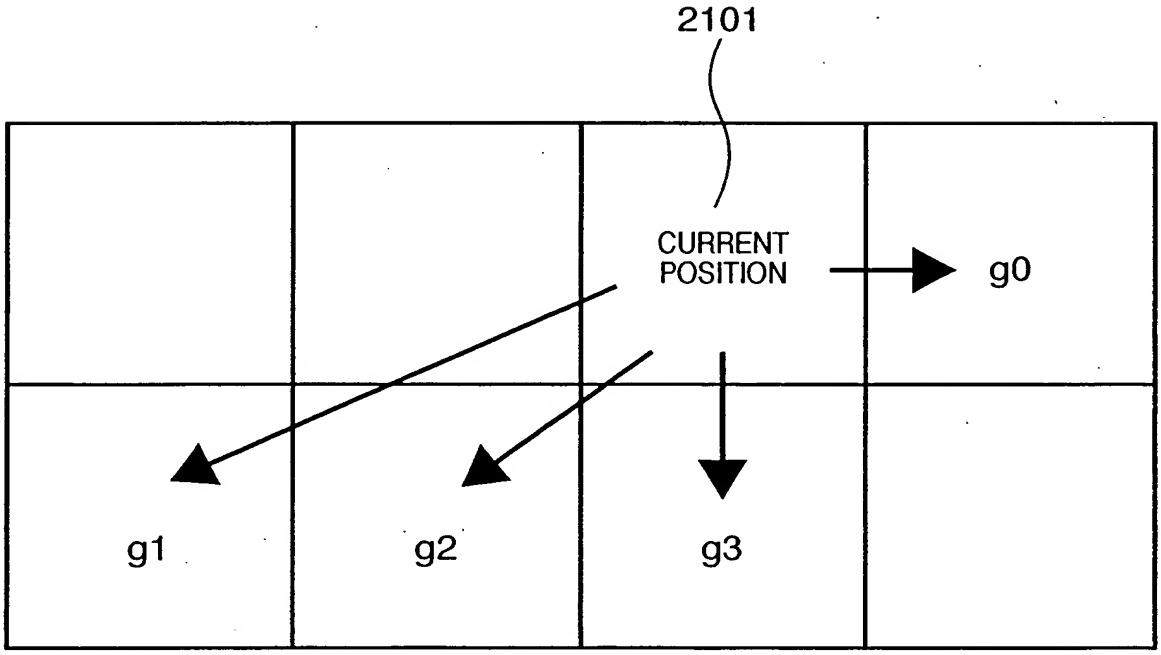
192
224
MAGENTA
GRAY LEVEL

FIG. 20

		MAGENTA GRAY LEVEL							
		0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14
CYAN GRAY LEVEL	0	(9,0,7,0)	(9,0,7,0)	(7,3,3,3)	(8,1,5,2)	(5,1,2,8)	(3,1,2,10)	(4,0,3,9)	(4,1,3,8)
	2	(9,0,7,0)	(9,2,2,3)	(9,2,3,2)	(9,1,4,2)	(9,4,1,2)	(8,0,6,2)	(7,2,3,4)	(7,1,4,4)
	4	(7,3,3,3)	(8,0,2,6)	(8,2,3,3)	(8,3,1,4)	(7,2,1,6)	(7,0,7,2)	(7,1,4,4)	(8,2,3,3)
	6	(8,1,5,2)	(9,0,6,1)	(7,0,5,4)	(8,1,1,6)	(8,2,3,3)	(6,1,3,6)	(7,1,3,5)	(6,1,1,8)
	8	(5,1,2,8)	(8,0,6,2)	(7,0,5,4)	(7,0,6,3)	(7,1,5,3)	(6,2,1,7)	(6,1,3,6)	(6,2,2,6)
	10	(3,1,2,10)	(8,0,6,2)	(7,2,0,7)	(6,1,1,8)	(5,0,2,9)	(7,1,2,6)	(6,0,2,8)	(5,1,2,8)
	12	(4,0,3,9)	(8,2,0,6)	(7,2,0,7)	(6,1,1,8)	(5,1,1,9)	(4,1,2,9)	(3,1,1,11)	(6,1,5,4)
	14	(4,1,3,8)	(9,1,2,4)	(7,2,0,7)	(6,2,0,8)	(5,0,3,8)	(4,1,2,9)	(4,0,3,9)	(3,0,7,6)

FIG. 21



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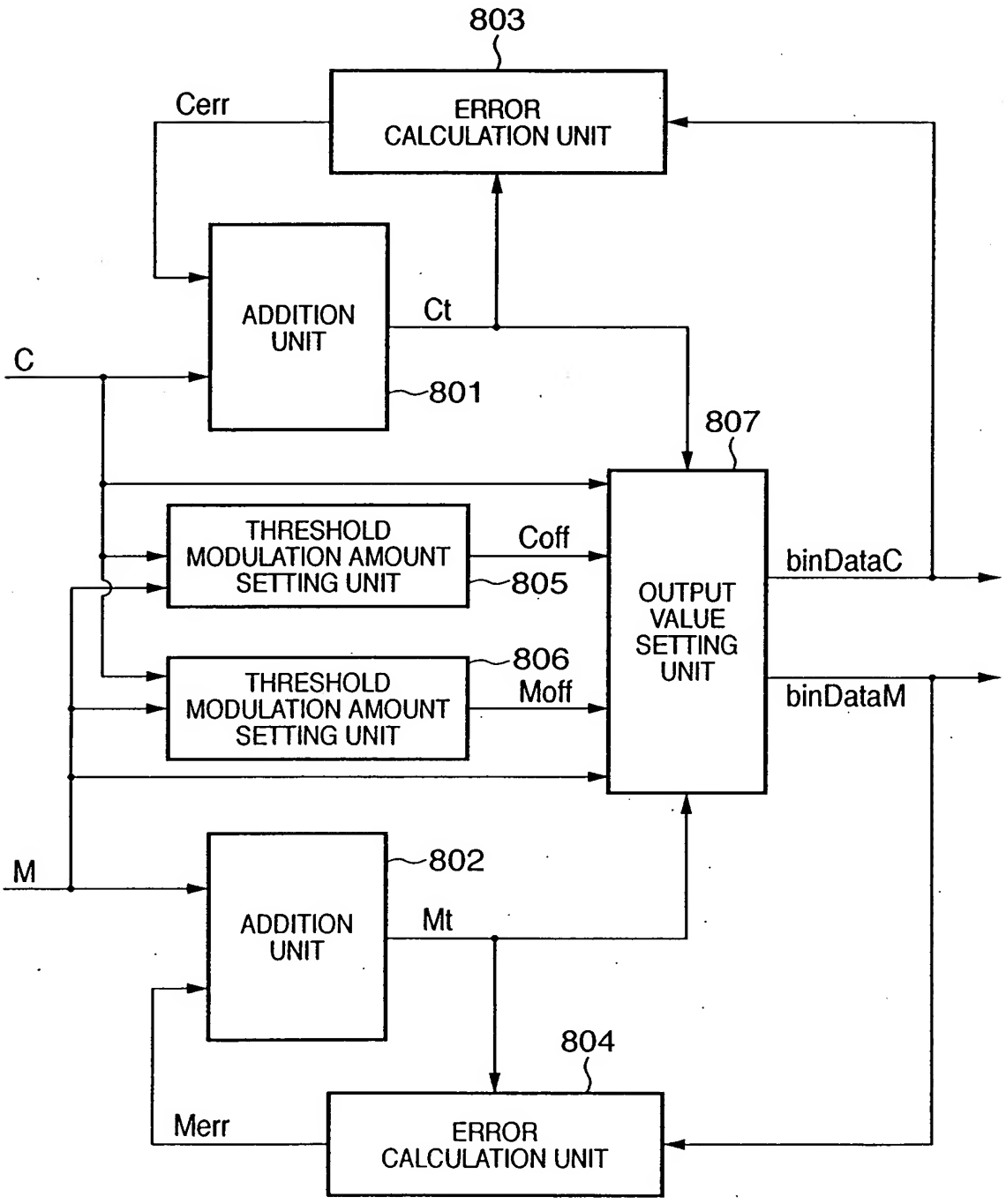

803
Cerr
ERROR CALCULATION UNIT
ADDITION UNIT
Ct
C
801
807
THRESHOLD MODULATION AMOUNT SETTING UNIT
Coff
805
binDataC
OUTPUT VALUE SETTING UNIT
806
THRESHOLD MODULATION AMOUNT SETTING UNIT
Moff
binDataM
M
802
ADDITION UNIT
Mt
804
Merr
ERROR CALCULATION UNIT

FIG. 23

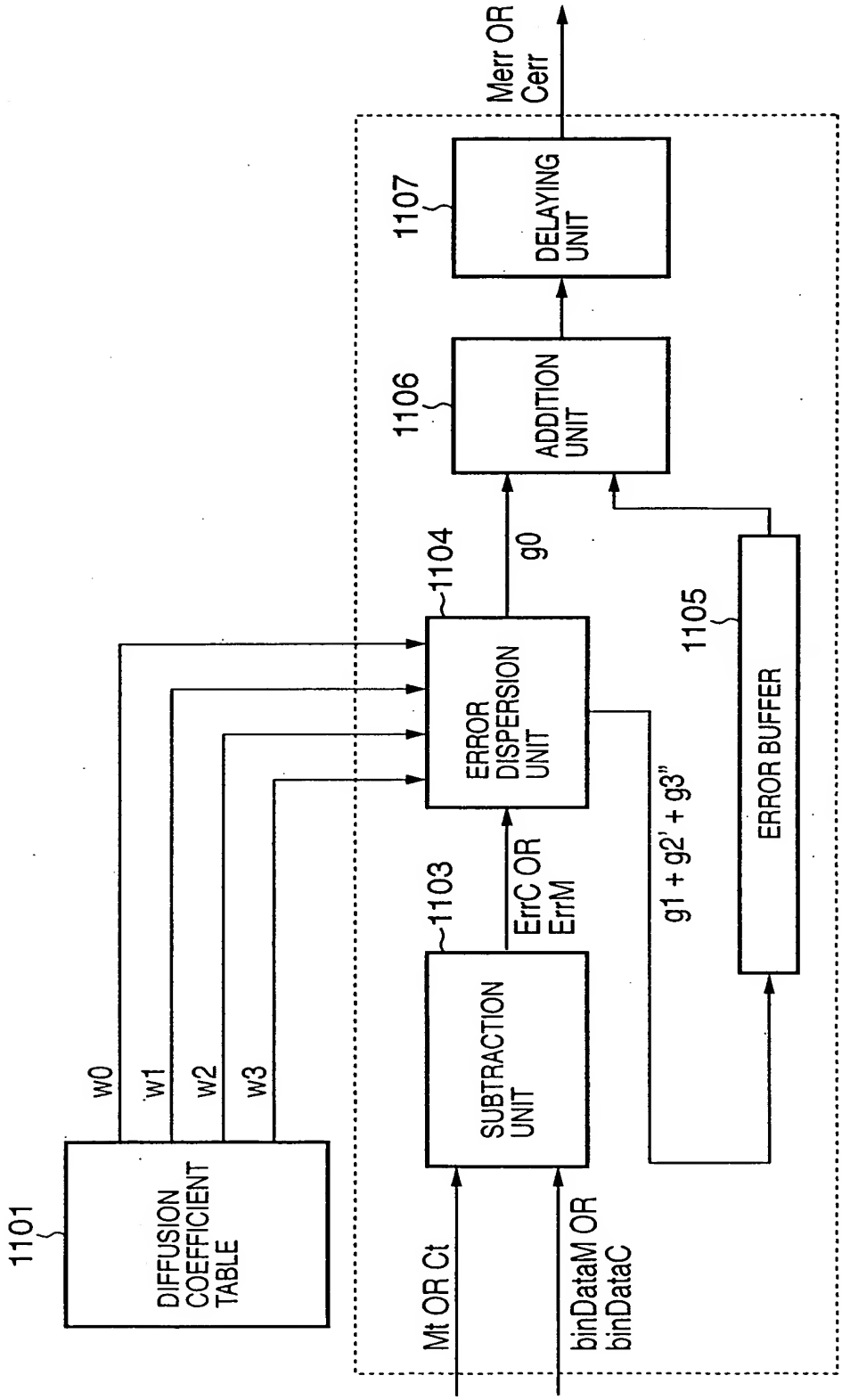

1101
DIFFUSION COEFFICIENT TABLE
w0
w1
w2
w3
1103
SUBTRACTION UNIT
ErrC OR ErrM
1104
ERROR DISPERSION UNIT
g0
1105
ERROR BUFFER
g1 + g2' + g3"
1106
ADDITION UNIT
1107
DELAYING UNIT
Merr OR Cerr
Mt OR Ct
binDataM OR binDataC

FIG. 24

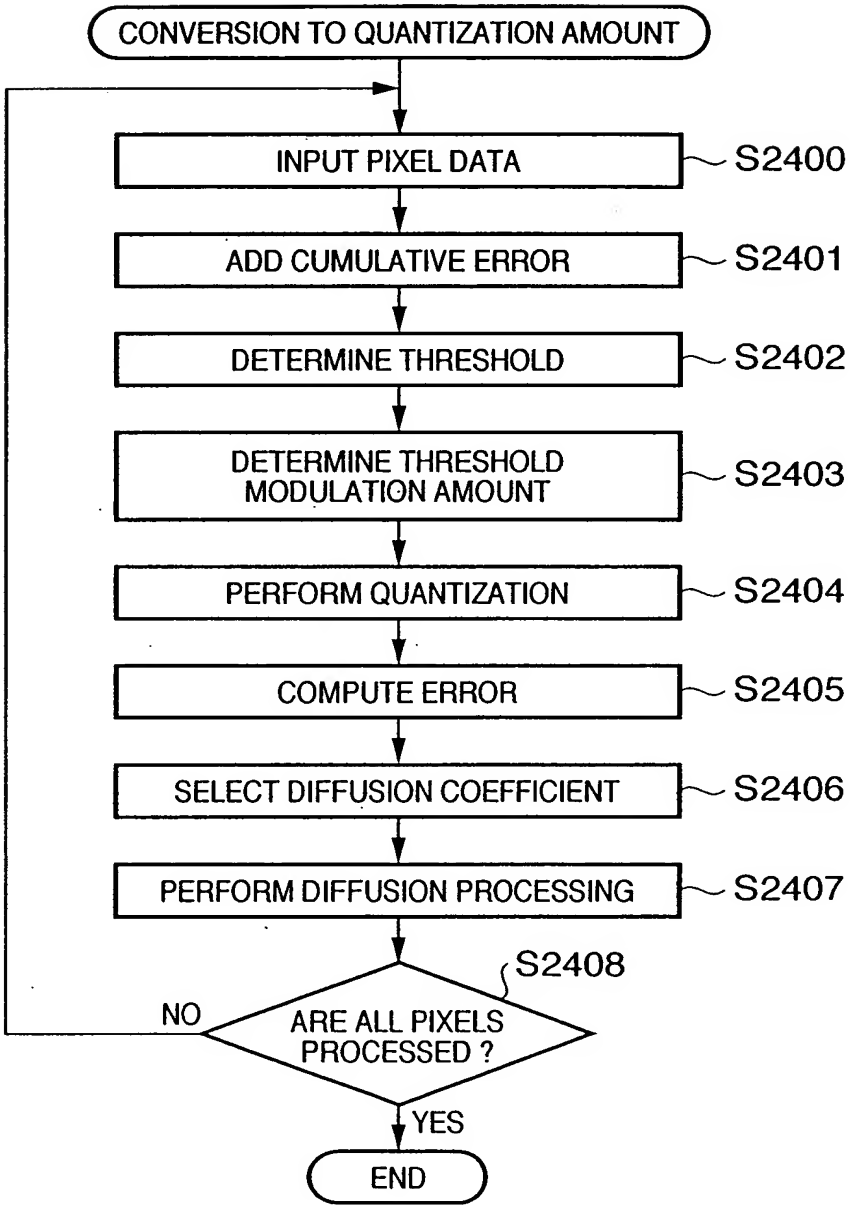

CONVERSION TO QUANTIZATION AMOUNT
INPUT PIXEL DATA
S2400
ADD CUMULATIVE ERROR
S2401
DETERMINE THRESHOLD
S2402
DETERMINE THRESHOLD MODULATION AMOUNT
S2403
PERFORM QUANTIZATION
S2404
COMPUTE ERROR
S2405
SELECT DIFFUSION COEFFICIENT
S2406
PERFORM DIFFUSION PROCESSING
S2407
S2408
ARE ALL PIXELS PROCESSED ?
NO
YES
END

FIG. 25

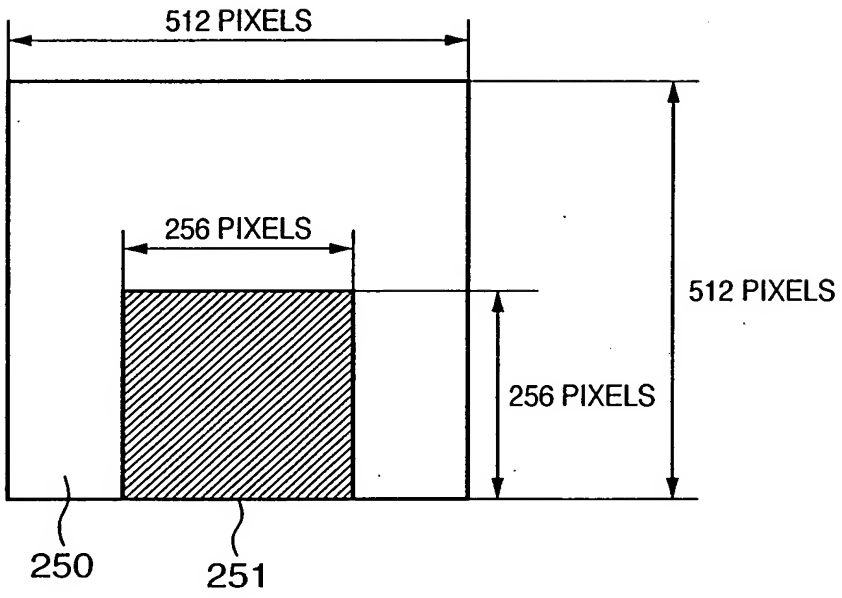


FIG. 26

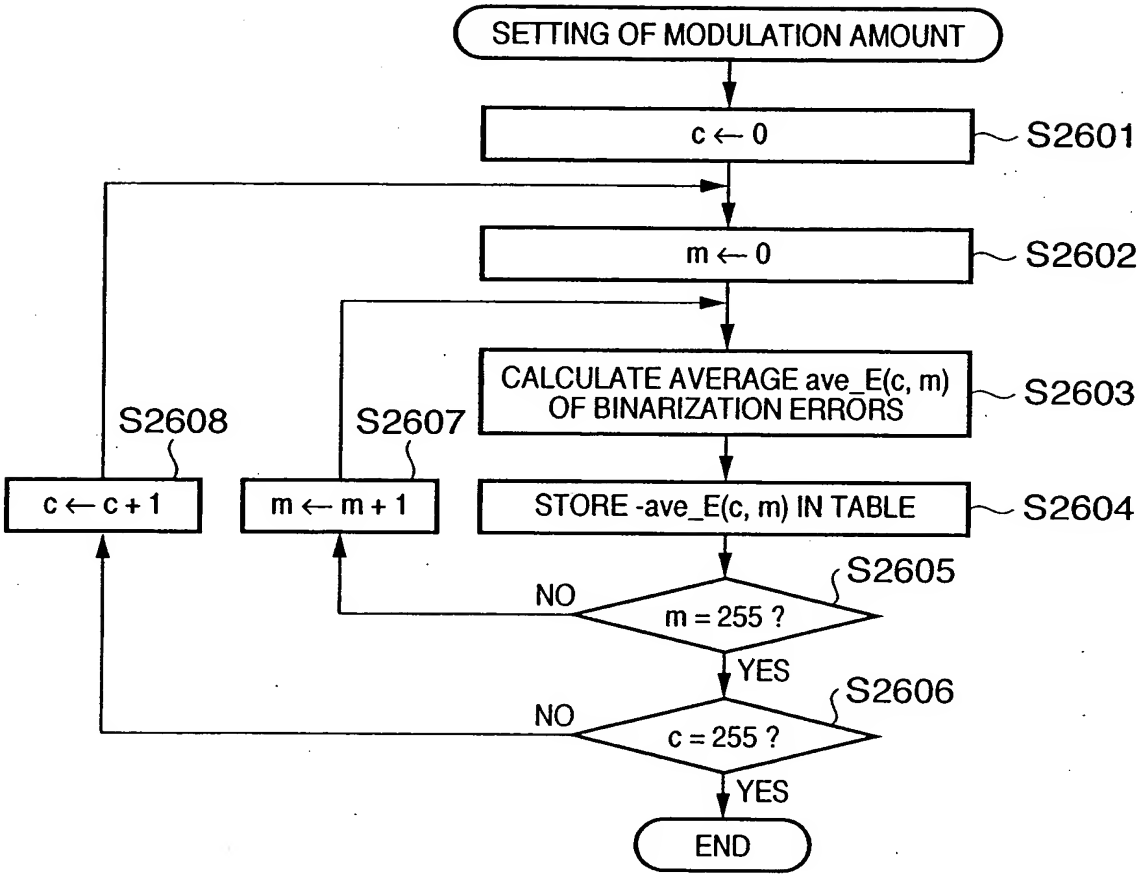

SETTING OF MODULATION AMOUNT
c ← 0
S2601
m ← 0
S2602
CALCULATE AVERAGE ave_E(c, m) OF BINARIZATION ERRORS
S2603
STORE -ave_E(c, m) IN TABLE
S2604
m = 255 ?
S2605
NO
YES
c = 255 ?
S2606
NO
YES
END
m ← m + 1
S2607
c ← c + 1
S2608

FIG. 27

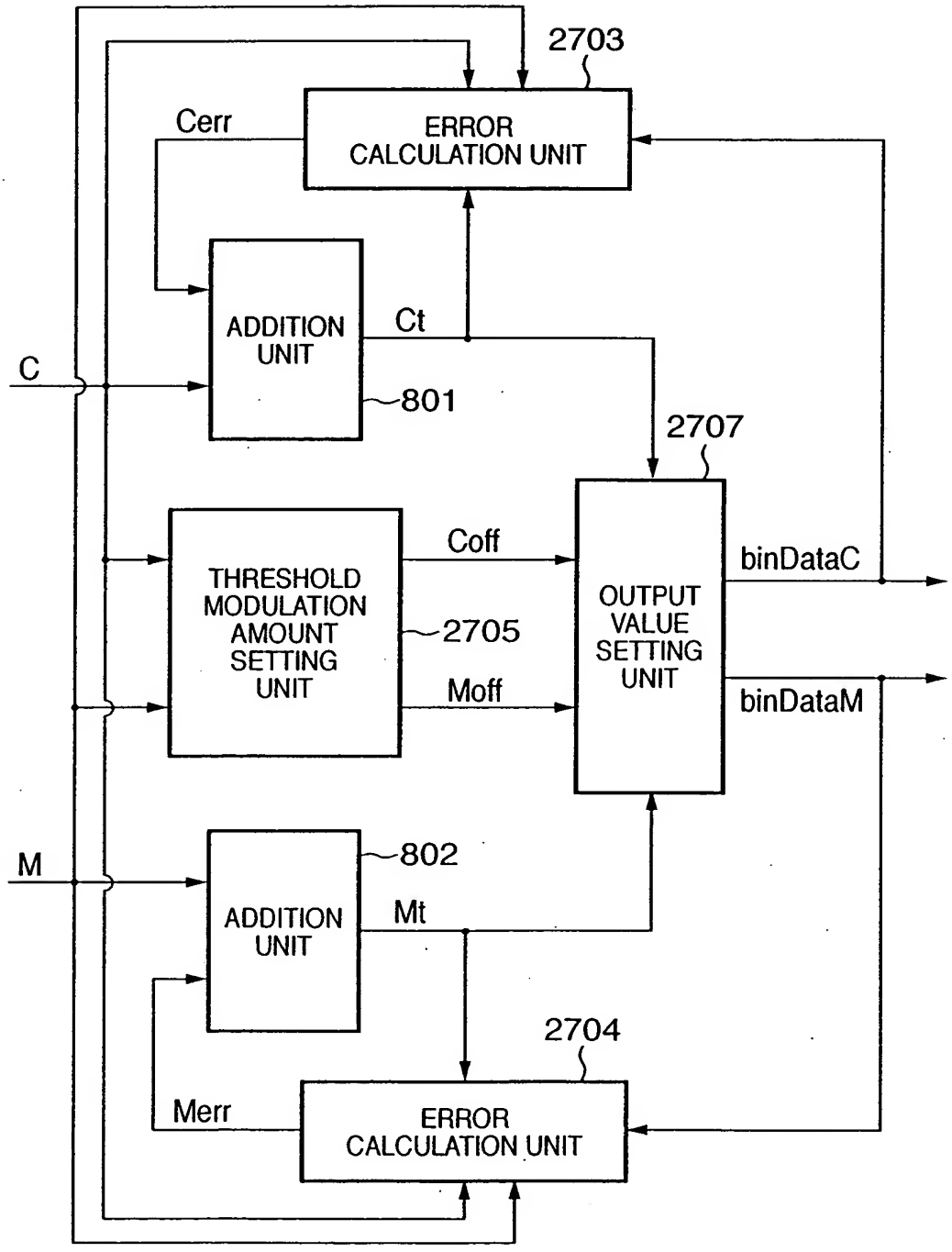

2703
Cerr
ERROR CALCULATION UNIT
ADDITION UNIT
Ct
C
801
2707
THRESHOLD MODULATION AMOUNT SETTING UNIT
Coff
2705
Moff
OUTPUT VALUE SETTING UNIT
binDataC
binDataM
M
802
ADDITION UNIT
Mt
2704
Merr
ERROR CALCULATION UNIT

FIG. 28

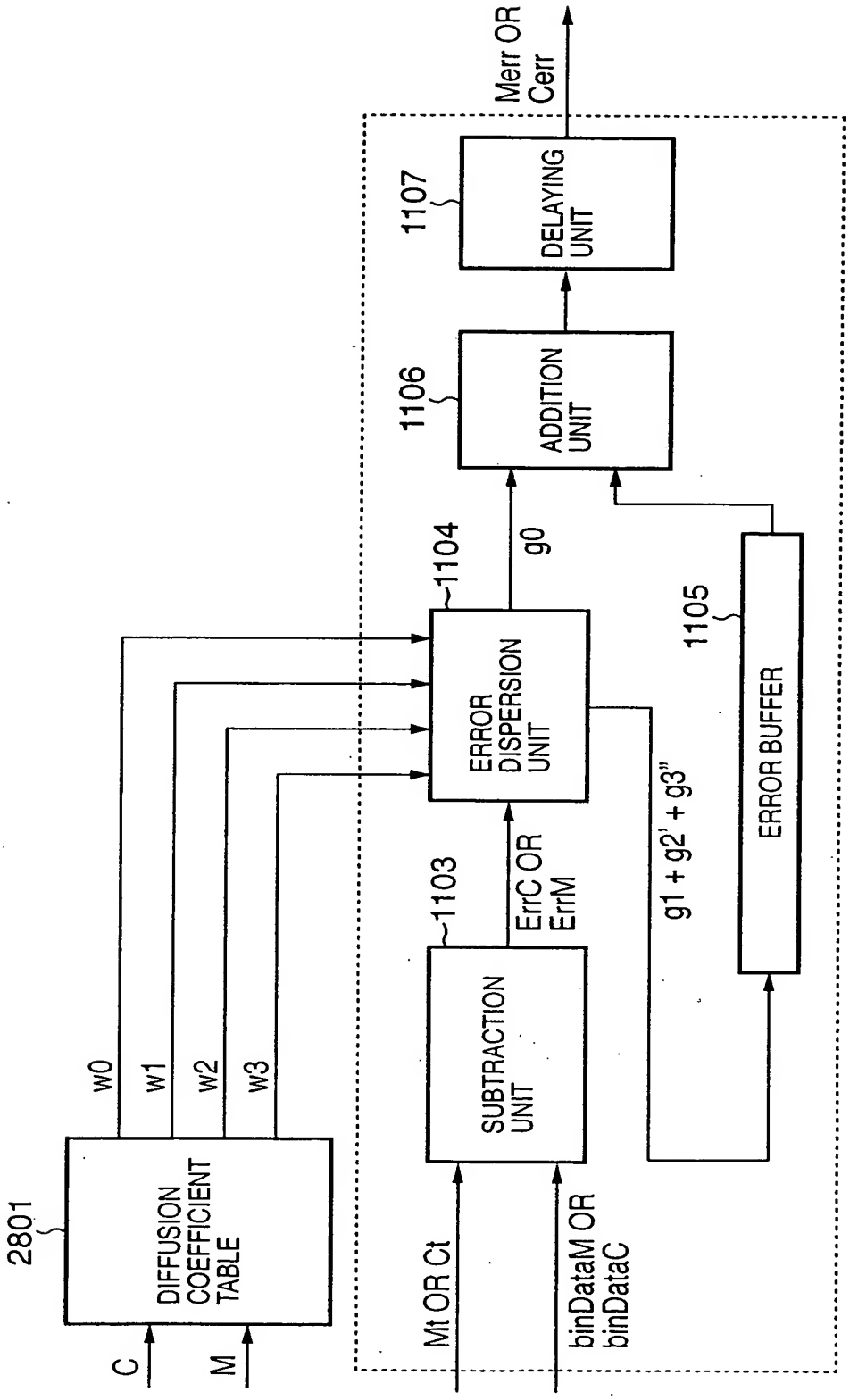

2801
DIFFUSION COEFFICIENT TABLE
C
M
w0
w1
w2
w3
Mt OR Ct
binDataM OR binDataC
1103
SUBTRACTION UNIT
ErrC OR ErrM
1104
ERROR DISPERSION UNIT
g0
g1 + g2' + g3"
1105
ERROR BUFFER
1106
ADDITION UNIT
1107
DELAYING UNIT
Merr OR Cerr

FIG. 29

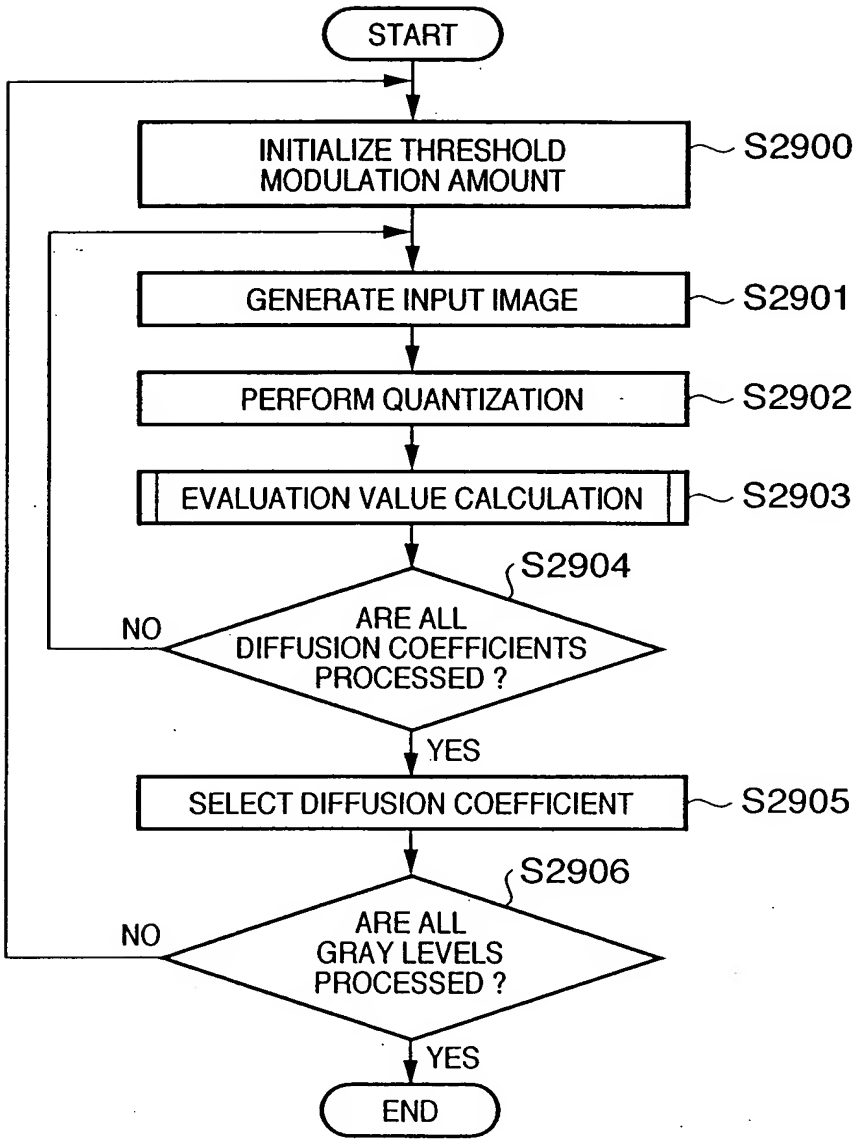

START
INITIALIZE THRESHOLD MODULATION AMOUNT
S2900
GENERATE INPUT IMAGE
S2901
PERFORM QUANTIZATION
S2902
EVALUATION VALUE CALCULATION
S2903
S2904
ARE ALL DIFFUSION COEFFICIENTS PROCESSED ?
NO
YES
SELECT DIFFUSION COEFFICIENT
S2905
S2906
ARE ALL GRAY LEVELS PROCESSED ?
NO
YES
END

FIG. 30

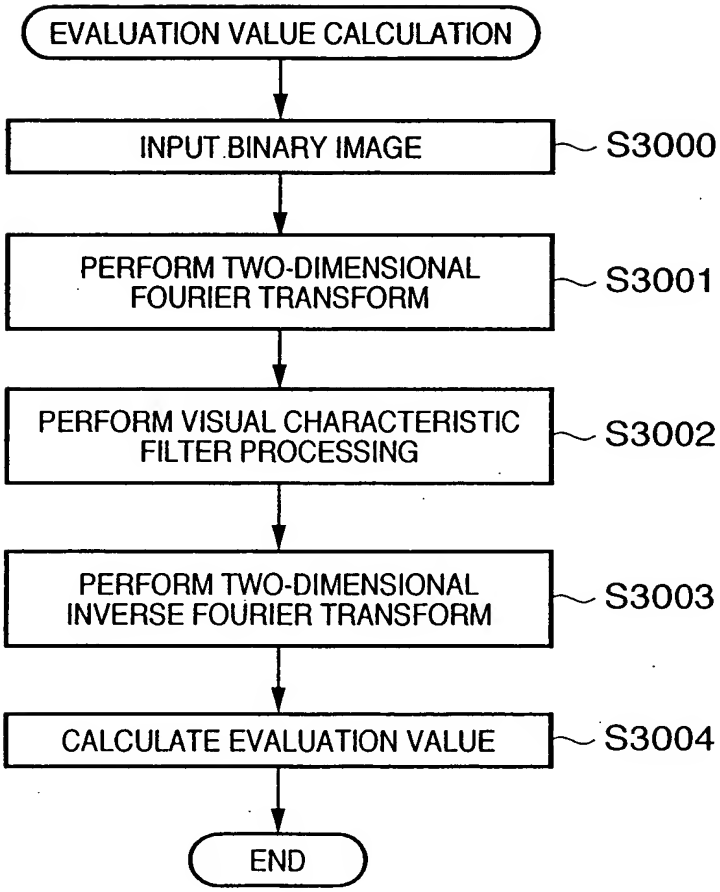

EVALUATION VALUE CALCULATION
INPUT BINARY IMAGE
S3000
PERFORM TWO-DIMENSIONAL FOURIER TRANSFORM
S3001
PERFORM VISUAL CHARACTERISTIC FILTER PROCESSING
S3002
PERFORM TWO-DIMENSIONAL INVERSE FOURIER TRANSFORM
S3003
CALCULATE EVALUATION VALUE
S3004
END

FIG. 31

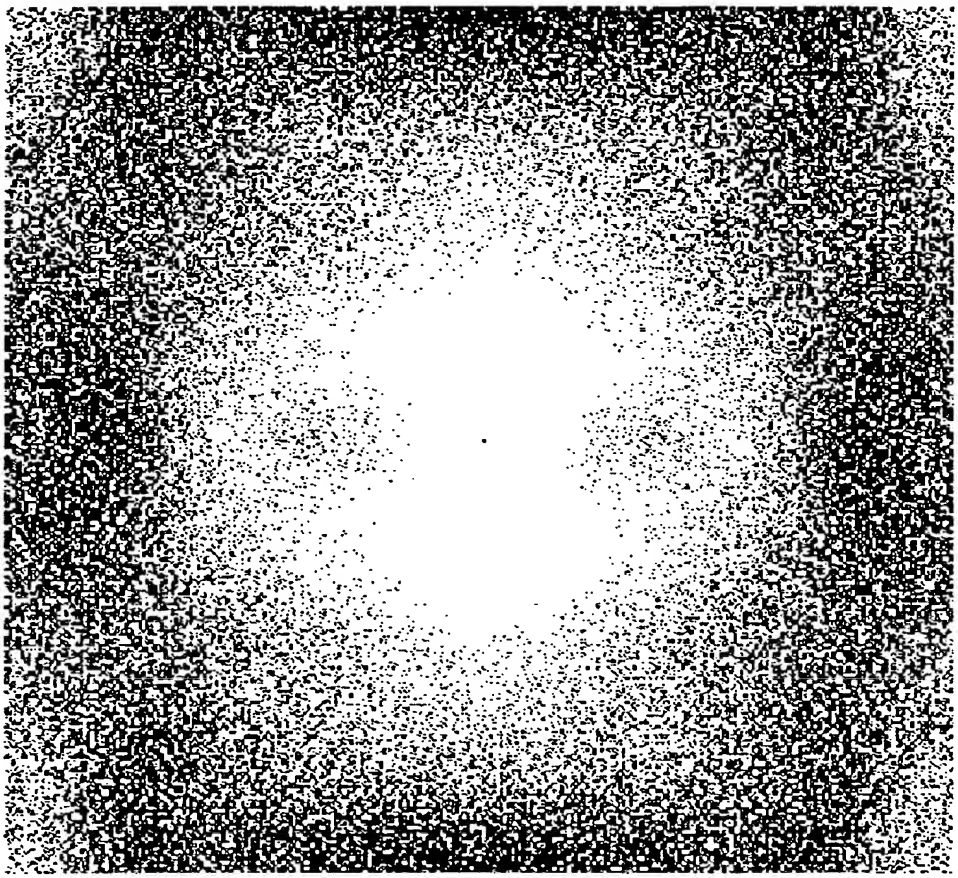


FIG. 32

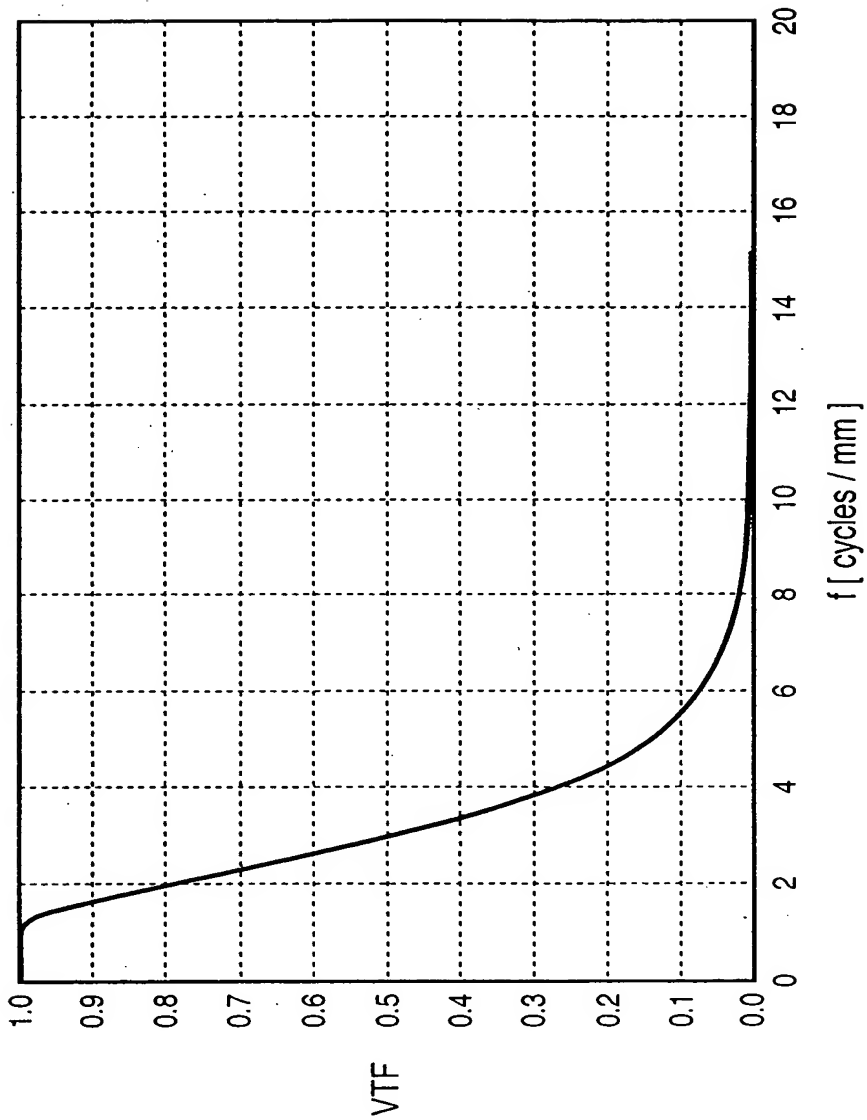

1.0
0.9
0.8
0.7
0.6
0.5
0.4
0.3
0.2
0.1
0.0
VTF
0
2
4
6
8
10
12
14
16
18
20
f [cycles / mm]

FIG. 33

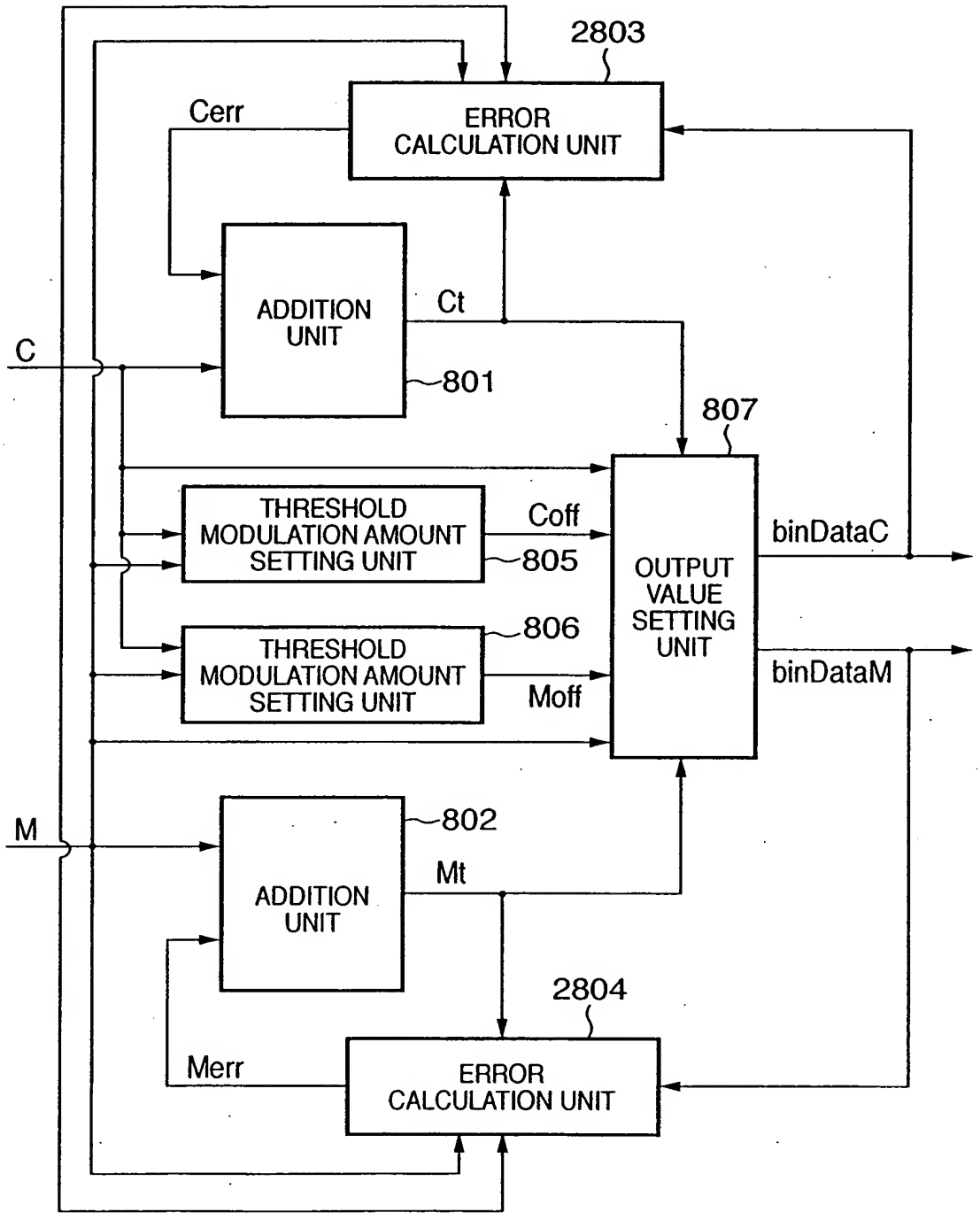
$$\begin{bmatrix} & & * & C0 \\ C1 & C2 & C3 & X \end{bmatrix}$$

$Cm = Sm/Sum \ (m = 1,...4)$

$Sm = 0,1,...,9$

$$Sum = \sum_{m=1}^{4} Sm(\neq 0)$$

FIG. 34


2803
Cerr
ERROR CALCULATION UNIT
ADDITION UNIT
Ct
C
801
807
THRESHOLD MODULATION AMOUNT SETTING UNIT
Coff
805
binDataC
OUTPUT VALUE SETTING UNIT
806
THRESHOLD MODULATION AMOUNT SETTING UNIT
Moff
binDataM
M
802
ADDITION UNIT
Mt
2804
Merr
ERROR CALCULATION UNIT